

least a press roller and a position of the guide path being above the press roller during either double-sided or multi-color printing operations; and

at least one removing roller in contact with an outer periphery of the at least one rotating roller and configured to rotate in order to both spread and reduce ink transferred to the at least one rotating roller so that the ink on the outer periphery of the at least one rotating roller can be dried quickly.

3. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein the at least one removing roller rotates in accordance with the rotation of the at least one rotating roller in that the at least one removing roller rotates in a same rotative direction and at a same rotative velocity as the at least one rotating roller.

[4-9. (Canceled)]

10. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein in addition to the press roller, the at least one rotating roller also constitutes a pair of resist rollers.

11. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the pair of resist rollers are rotated not only at a time of conveying a printed sheet.

12. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the pair of resist rollers are rotated at a time of making a master by a master making mechanism.

[13-20. (Canceled)]

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, and 10-12 are pending in this application, claims 4-9 and 13-20 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 3, and 10-12 having been amended, by the present amendment.